

IN THE CLAIMS

1-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) Apparatus for a gas turbine engine, said apparatus comprising a washing system comprising a pump in flow communication with ~~at least one nozzle~~, a plurality of spray nozzles coupled to a ring manifold, said plurality of spray nozzles are circumferentially spaced about the gas turbine engine and are oriented to discharge at least one of a first fluid and a second fluid radially inward into the gas turbine engine from the ring manifold, the first fluid contained within a first reservoir, [[a]] the second fluid contained within one of the first reservoir and a second reservoir, said washing system configured to inject said the first fluid and a said the second fluid into the gas turbine engine, wherein one of said the first and second fluids comprises an anti-static liquid that facilitates reducing a rate of formation of particulate matter within the gas turbine engine.

7. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 wherein one of ~~said the~~ first and second fluids comprises a water-based cleaning solution.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 wherein ~~said the~~ first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid, and said washing system is further configured to inject ~~said the~~ second fluid before ~~said the~~ first fluid has been injected into the engine.

10. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said washing system further configured to inject ~~said the~~ first fluid into the gas turbine engine after ~~said the~~ second fluid has been injected into the engine and the engine has been operated.

11. (currently amended) Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 wherein the gas turbine engine includes a compressor, ~~said the~~ first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid, and said washing system is further configured to coat the compressor with ~~said the~~ first fluid.

12. (currently amended) A gas turbine engine washing system configured to reduce particulate matter within the gas turbine engine, the gas turbine engine including a compressor, said washing system comprising: a plurality of spray nozzles coupled to a ring

manifold, said plurality of spray nozzles are circumferentially spaced about the gas turbine engine and are oriented to discharge at least one of a first fluid and a second fluid radially inward into the gas turbine engine from the ring manifold, the first liquid contained within a first reservoir, [[a]] the second fluid contained within one of the first reservoir and a second reservoir, a nozzle the plurality of nozzles coupled in flow communication with at least one of said first and second reservoirs and for injecting said the first and second fluids into [[said]] the gas turbine engine upstream from said compressor, wherein one of said the first and second fluids is an anti-static liquid that facilitates reducing electrostatic attraction within the gas turbine engine.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) An engine washing system in accordance with Claim 13 wherein ~~said~~ the first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid configured to coat at least a portion of the engine to reduce electrostatic attraction within the gas turbine engine.

15. (currently amended) An engine washing system in accordance with Claim 13 wherein ~~said~~ the first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid that is injected into the engine after particulate matter has been removed from the engine.

16. (currently amended) An engine washing system in accordance with Claim 13 wherein ~~said~~ the first fluid comprises an anti-static liquid that is injected into the engine after the engine has been operated.

17. (canceled)